

Holiday Season Disrupted By Major Fires, One Death



The extreme damage by fire to the apartment building at 9133 Edmonston Terrace is shown above. Buildings on either side – 9131 and 9135 – also sustained damage from the December 26 fire. By early the next day clean-up crews were on the site.

Edmonston Terrace Apartments Blaze Causes Extensive Damage

by Elaine Skolnik and Thomas X. White

A two-alarm fire at Franklin Park Apartments (formerly Springhill Lake Apartments) on December 26 routed some 24 residents from their units at 9131, 9133 and 9135 Edmonston Terrace. Damage to the building just north of the new Greenbelt Middle School on Breezewood Drive was extensive.

Fighting the blaze in stormy weather were firefighters from Greenbelt, Branchville, Berwyn

Heights and other nearby fire stations. According to Captain Thomas Kemp of the Greenbelt police, there were some harrowing moments when firefighters were commanded to leave their posts inside a burning building after a roof explosion.

Another hairy moment occurred when a firefighter inside a building called for assistance. Kemp explained the firefighter was rescued by his colleagues

and brought unhurt outside the building.

One resident also found himself trapped on the second floor but fire officials were able to get him to safety by ladder. According to another report, an individual who jumped from a second floor balcony was not seriously injured.

Preliminary investigation has

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December 28 Fire on Laurel Hill Is Responsible for One Fatality

Betty Starry, 86, a Greenbelt woman, has died from injuries sustained in the fire at 2 Court Laurel Hill Road on Friday, December 28. Mrs. Starry's son and her caregiver were in the house. Both sustained serious but non-life threatening injuries.

The fire was reported just after 9 p.m. When firefighters arrived, they found heavy smoke showing from the front door and heavy fire in the rear. The fire started on the ground floor and burned through to the roof and on an adjacent roof.

Mark Brady, spokesperson for the Prince George's County Fire

Department, said while the cause of the fire has not yet been determined, no immediate signs suggested a suspicious origin of the fire. Firefighters found no smoke detectors in the house.

Homes on either side of the unit where the fire started sustained "minor smoke and water damage," according to Brady, who told Channel 9 News that the GHI homes are built extremely well and that, as a result, most damage was confined to the unit where the fire originated.

Three adults and two children

were displaced from adjacent units and were being assisted by the County Citizens Services Unit.

Multiple fire companies responded to the fire. The Greenbelt Fire Department was first on the scene and companies from Berwyn Heights, West Lanham Hills and other nearby companies also responded. The fire was brought under control within 25 minutes.

By 9:30 p.m. the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. clean up company, Prompt Restoration, Inc., had begun to arrive at the site and a full crew was at work by midnight.

See **LAUREL HILL**, page 8

Top Stories of 2012

The News Review presents highlights of major stories of the past year. The reviews were prepared by Virginia Beauchamp, Judy Bell, James Giese, Thomas X. White and Peter Gray.

City Celebrates

In a year-long story, the City of Greenbelt celebrated its 75th Anniversary. Following a year-and-a-half of planning by a special committee, the celebration kicked off January 8 with an Artful Afternoon of activities beginning with the dedication of the Faces of Greenbelt ceramic tiles placed in the Community Center showcase. April brought a two-day multi-disciplinary symposium on "Sustaining Greenbelt's Legacy" featuring a keynote talk by English planning historian Dr. Mervyn Miller. On Independence Day the city offered a spectacular electronically-fired, synchronized fireworks display to celebrate both the country's birth and the city's founding.

Between February and November there were four book and movie discussions featuring three novels of the time made into movies and the movie "Three Brave Men" which depicted a true incident involving Greenbelter Abe Chasanow who successfully fought his dismissal from the Navy Department for "communist sympathies" in the McCarthy era. Labor Day brought special floats with the anniversary committee's 75th Birthday Cake float being judged best theme float.

On September 22 James Roosevelt talked about his grandmother, Eleanor Roosevelt, to the delights of a large audience. Also that month, the Recreation Department featured two different performances of Treasure Hunt Cabaret featuring songs and movie clips of 1937-38, the city's founding year. October featured the city's 75th Anniversary Dinner Dance Gala attended by more than 400. A closing ceremony featuring the Greenbelt Concert Band playing the "Greenbelt March" concluded the eventful year.

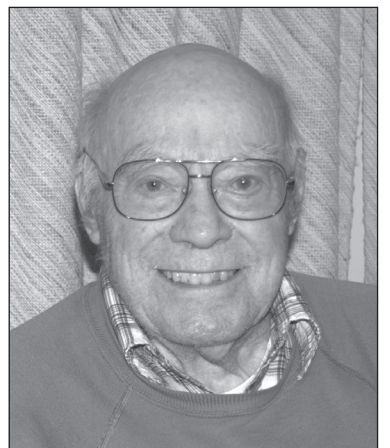
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Obituary

Peace and Justice Activist, Scientist Bert Donn Dies

Longtime Greenbelt resident Bertram D. Donn died on December 28, 2012, at the age of 93. He had coped for many years with a heart condition and hardening of the arteries of the brain. More recently he contracted a serious case of aspiration pneumonia due to problems with swallowing and coughing.

With degrees from Brooklyn College and Harvard University, Mr. Donn taught at Wayne State University, did research under Harold Urey at the University of Chicago and then came to NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in 1959. He was head of the Astrochemistry Branch at Goddard in the 70s and a visiting professor at Cornell University in 1974-75. He received the GSFC Exceptional



Bert Donn

Achievement Award in 1983 and 1988. He served on the Steering Committee for the International

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What Goes On

Saturday, January 5

10 a.m. to noon, Geotrail 2013 Kick-off Events, Geocaching, Greenbelt Youth Center

Sunday, January 6

1 to 3 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Post Holiday Painting Party, Community Center

2:30 p.m., Meet and Greet Reception Hosted by the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board in the Art Gallery

Wednesday, January 9

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession with Greenway Center, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

Roads Need to Be Walker-Friendly

At the recent Greenbelt visioning session at Town Center the leader had pretty much gotten us organized when a lady from Greenbelt East showed up late and launched into a tirade about how dangerous it was to walk to Greenway Center and the post office. While I felt impatient about her spontaneously taking the floor for so long, she was tragically right and prescient, as we have now lost another Greenbelter, Bob Auerbach. One lady at the visioning session related that she used to drive her ERHS daughter for short distances because the local intersections were unsafe for walkers.

This tragedy draws our attention to a hazard at the modern and apparently well-designed intersection at Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. I have biked and walked through that nine lane intersection about 100 times per year since 2005.

Shortly before the election I was holding a sign near that intersection and I observed a driver making a legal right-turn-on-red and, at the same time, I saw two pedestrians start crossing Greenbelt Road from the same side. Then the driver suddenly saw the

pedestrians and hit her brakes and did not hit them. Clearly horrified, she drove on. I have often seen walkers there not looking for right-turners-on-red when they see the “ok to cross” signal.

Perhaps five times I have walked across Hanover Parkway, right at the post office, about a block from the intersection with Rt. 193 and have found it scary getting across all six or seven lanes, with drivers not seeming to be expecting me to be there. There is no crosswalk. There is no traffic light. I should have gone out of my way and walked the extra block to the traffic light then walked back to the post office. But I suspect that few would be inclined to go out of their way like this.

My suggestions are: to place “no-turn-on-red” signs at the intersection or install flashing red “no-turn-on-red” signals which would operate only when a pedestrian crossing button has been pressed.

If we are to live Greenbelt’s theme of walker-friendliness, then we will need for it to be atypically easy for locals, especially the elderly, to walk across large highways to the shopping centers.

Bill Norwood

January Artful Afternoon Focus Is Painting, Arts

The next Artful Afternoon, billed as a post-holiday painting party, will be held on Sunday, January 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. All are invited to enjoy free kid-friendly suitable for families.

From 1 to 3 p.m. the painting party will be led by Artist-in-residence Kathy Karlson, with participants experimenting with a variety of tools and new painting techniques. The workshop is open to all ages, new and experienced painters alike. Supplies will be provided.

The Arts Advisory Board will host a meet-and-greet reception from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the art gallery as an opportunity for people to discuss their ideas for the arts in Greenbelt and meet other creative people in the community. Light refreshments will be served.

The Greenbelt Museum exhibit “Greenbelt: The First 75 Years.” Celebrating the city’s 75th anni-

versary, it explores Greenbelt history through an interactive timeline. It is also the last weekend of the current art exhibit, Shifting Bloom, that features the work of fashion designer and fiber artist Stephanie Marie Santos.

Prize Drawing

Following the painting party, the monthly drawing will be held for two tickets, this month to Alight Dance Theater’s season preview and dance party at the Greenbelt Arts Center or two tickets to any show of the winner’s choice at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Enter the free drawing at the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery now through 2 p.m. on January 6.

Artful Afternoons also feature a studio open house and sale with the Community Center’s nine artists-in-residence from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts or call 240-542-2060.



PHOTO BY BETH FENDLAY

Artist-in-residence Kathy Karlson, left, teaches young artist Christopher Walsh new painting techniques in her studio at the Community Center.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, January 4 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then local favorites Long Time Coming return with classic rock from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, January 5 starts with the TV John Show from 11 a.m. to noon. Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with the Hall Brothers Band headlining with a WAM-MIE award-winning mix of rock, blues, country and swing from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, January 6 GreenBeLT Pride will hold a celebratory open house for marriage equality in Maryland from 3 to 5 p.m. The Gliders play rock roots from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

New art exhibits go on display Tuesday, January 8 featuring paintings by Ana Gasper and photography by Kristin Stenson. Tuesday, January 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. Metro D.C. Kirtan will offer music, kirtan and sacred sound to benefit the Maryland non-profit Handreach, which provides burn and trauma care to children around the world. On Wednesday, January 9 Joshua Morningstar plays hair-raising honky-tonk from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, January 10 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m. There will be an open microphone session with James and Martha from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, January 11 pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then then Stealing Liberty plays jazzy versions of the Grateful Dead from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, January 12 Joe Harris leads a D.C. Singer/Songwriter Showcase from 1 to 4 p.m. Afterward, John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed from 8 to 11 p.m. by Blue Panamuse with blues and swing tunes that span the 1920s through today. On Sunday, January 13 the Good Time Band plays rock, blues, country and gospel from 5 to 8 p.m.

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WEEK OF JAN 4

Les Miserables
(PG-13)

FRIDAY
*4:30, 7:35

SATURDAY - SUNDAY
*1, *4:15, 7:35

MONDAY - THURSDAY
*4:30, 7:35

(Note: Our Classic Film
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for Saturday.
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at a later date)

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Residents Gathered with Friends on News Year's Eve



Councilmember Konrad Herling (center) interviews Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen 2012 John Henry Jones (right) at a special New Year's Eve program at Greenbelt Arts Center as his wife Elaine Jones looks on.



PHOTOS BY ERIC ZHANG

A group of Greenbelt residents talk about their experience living in Greenbelt and their vision for Greenbelt in 2037 at Greenbelt Arts Center's New Year's Eve program. From left are George Boyce (Club 125), Rosemary Pezzutto (CampFire), Dan Hamlin (former pastor of Greenbelt Community Church), Carol Malveaux (Greenbelt 75th Committee), Susan Gervasi (Utopia Film Festival), Louis Saint-Felix (Boys and Girls Club), Robert Lauer (Greenbelt Police) and Konrad Herling (moderator).



Herling (left, piano) and Councilmember Emmett Jordan (guitar) collaborate on a piece called "Missing You" that Herling wrote to remember Greenbelters who have died. A listing of Greenbelters who died in 2012 is published on page 12.

Computer Club To Meet Jan. 10

On Thursday, January 10 at 7 p.m., the Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its first meeting of 2013 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 10. All are welcome.

Send us your meeting notices or special activities for the Community Events page.

GHI Notes

Friday, January 4, Office Closed. For Emergency Maintenance Service, call 301-474-6011

Tuesday, January 8, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee Meeting – GHI Library

7:30 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Thursday, January 10, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – GHI Board Room

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

NARFE Holds Meeting At Greenbriar Jan. 9

The next monthly meeting of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) chapter will be held on Wednesday, January 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway.


The speaker, talking on the subject of "What's in Your Salad?," will be microbiologist Dr. Manan Sharma from the USDA Environmental, Microbial & Food Safety Laboratory.

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, January 10th, 2013

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Certifications: 30 Ridge Road and 4 E-R Laurel Hill Road
- Companion Animal Committee's Recommendation for Pit Bull Regulation
- Comments from 30-Day Member Review of Proposed Revision of GHI Rules for Landscaping
- Proposed Revisions to GHI's Insurance Policy
- Tub Re-glazing Contract for 2013-2015, 1st Reading
- Waste Disposal Contract for 2013-2015, 2nd Reading

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Texas Chainsaw in 2D, R (!)
11:50, 4:40, 9:45

Texas Chainsaw in 3D, R (!)
2:05, 7:30

Parental Guidance, PG
11:35, 1:50, 4:50, 7:15, 9:35

Django: Unchained, R (!)
11:10, 12, 2:35, 3:25, 6, 6:50, 9:30, 10:15

Jack Reacher, PG-13
11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25

Guilt Trip, PG-13
1:40, 9:30

Monsters, Inc. in 2D, G
11:25

Monsters, Inc. in 3D, G
3:45, 7:20

The Hobbit PG-13
11:15, 3, 6:40, 10:10

Rise of the Guardians, PG
11:25, 2:10, 4:30, 7, 9:25

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Halley Watch that studied Comet Halley during its most recent appearance in 1986. After retiring from Goddard, he was appointed as visiting professor at the University of Virginia for several years. In 1995 the University of Virginia honored him with a symposium, in which colleagues presented papers related to his work on the composition, origin and structure of comets and interstellar grains.

Bert Donn helped to found the Greenbelt Fair Housing Committee, the Greenbelt Peace Committee, the Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition, Maryland United for Peace and Justice and the Prince George's County chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). As chair of the county ACLU, he supported the efforts of the African American community in police-community relations and advised those who brought the lawsuit to end school desegregation in the county.

In the early 60s he worked with a group called ACCESS (headquartered in Greenbelt), which picketed segregated apartment buildings every Saturday. He served for many years on the board of the county branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He was also an active member of the Social Action Committee of his humanistic Jewish congregation, Machar.

After retiring as a scientist, he became more active in his many peace and justice activities, including teaching classes in conflict resolution and serving on the steering committee for the local Creative Response to Conflict.

His marriage to Mary Creason ended in divorce. In 1960 he married Marjory Maxwell. Survivors include his wife, sons Stephen and Arthur of Greenbelt, daughter Susan Owens (Albert) of Ventura, Cal., son Jeffrey (Cindy) of Beltsville and son Allen (Jenni) of Woodstock, Ga.; grandchildren Sarah Owens Pinkstaff, Nathan Owens, Julie, Erin, Lisa, Ian, Josiah and Kyle Donn; and great grandchild Owen Pinkstaff.

A memorial service will be held at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church on Powder Mill Road in Adelphi on Saturday, January 5 at 2 p.m.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers that contributions may be made to the Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum or the Union of Concerned Scientists.

— Marjory Donn



And Waited for Midnight



As midnight approaches, Mayor Judith Davis leads the countdown to 2013 at Roosevelt Center.



PHOTOS BY ERIC ZHANG

Lore Rosenthal and Michael Hartman joined others to sing Auld Lang Syne at Roosevelt Center as 2013 arrives.



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January 6th

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January 13th

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January 20th

"Who is Jesus? A Priest"

January 27th

"Who is Jesus? A King"



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Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Dr. John VanSchoonhoven, former principal of Greenbelt Center School. Condolences to Marjory Donn and family on the death of her husband Bert Donn on December 28, 2012.

Congratulations to:
– Air Force Airman Cherese A. Nembhard, a 2012 Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate and the daughter of Winsomi Nembhard of Springhill Terrace, who has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.



– Parkway resident Lynne Hardie, a special education teacher at Hyattsville Elementary School, who achieved certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards among the 2012 candidates and is now certified as an exceptional needs specialist. She is among just three percent of teachers nationally to earn the honor.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

At the Library

Bookids
Tuesday, January 8, 4 p.m., children's book discussion program of fun with books, poetry and word games.

Storytimes
On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Wednesday, January 9, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, January 10, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

Adult Programs
Tuesday, January 15, 7 p.m. there will be a discussion of the book, 1Q84, by Haruki Murakami.

For more information visit the Greenbelt branch, call 301-345-5800 or visit the library system website at pgcmls.info.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
The tree is taken down, the decorations put away and we're getting ready for the New Year. The Golden Age Club will go on record for having had an excellent year. We ended the year with a very well attended Christmas luncheon. Many thanks to everyone who helped make it such a success.
The speaker on January 9 will be Rev. Dan Hamlin, talking about humanitarian projects in Kenya and his personal experiences and travels in Kenya.

Our condolences to Chris Cherry on the death of his mother.

We enjoy seeing members at the meetings and wish everyone a happy and healthy new year.

GreenBeLT Pride Café Open House

On Sunday, January 6 from 3 to 5 p.m. GreenBeLT Pride will hold a celebratory open house for the passage of Maryland marriage equality in the 2012 election. It will be at the New Deal Café; all are invited at this opportunity for GreenBeLT Pride to thank supporters.

Those attending are asked to RSVP to <http://www.facebook.com/events/383622941727985>.

Orava Quartet Plays In Free Concert

The Orava String Quartet will play music by Hayden and Mendelssohn in the National Gallery of Art's West Building Garden Court at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 13. Admission is free and seating begins at 6 p.m. Enter at 6th Street until 6:30 p.m. For information call 202-842-6941.



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

Yes, there really was snow on Saturday, briefly.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7-11

Wednesday, January 9 at 7:30 pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION with Greenway Center** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, January 9 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200. On the Agenda: Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan – Updated Draft and Next Steps

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

An Artful Afternoon: Post-Holiday Painting Party
Sunday, January 6, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Post-holiday painting party (1:00-3:00 p.m.) facilitated by Artist in Residence Kathy Karlson. Learn a variety of new techniques. Open to all ages, and to both new and experienced painters. Supplies will be provided. Wear comfortable clothes you don't mind getting splattered with a little paint.

Meet and Greet Reception (2:30-4:00 p.m.) hosted by the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board in the art gallery. Discuss your ideas for the arts in Greenbelt and meet other creative people. Light refreshments will be served.

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Crime Drops

Not only did the number of crimes committed in Greenbelt drop to a five-year low in 2011, but a six-month report for 2012 indicated that the crime rate might go even lower. The 2011 crime drop occurred in all categories of major crimes except burglaries and took place in all areas of the city. Other good news was that there were fewer traffic accidents. Perhaps some of the reason for the declines were the significant increases in adult arrests made and traffic summons issued by the Greenbelt Police Department.

FBI Relocation

In February council received news about a strong interest on the part of the owners and county government to secure a potential relocation for a consolidated headquarters for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the North Core portion of Greenbelt Station, the proposed development for the Greenbelt Metro Station property. The FBI currently employs over 11,000 persons. In a Letter to the Editor, two people stated, “If jobs, economic development, public safety and property values are the city’s top priorities, then the FBI headquarters is a home run.”

The pros and cons of the FBI as a North Core tenant were considered in March and April Sector Plan workshops. On December 3 the General Services Administration (GSA) issued a Request for Information (RFI) on the issue of providing for a new headquarters facility for the FBI. Officials representing jurisdictions in both Virginia and Maryland, as well as the District of Columbia, are pursuing this future facility for their locales.

Sector Plan

After nearly two years of meetings and community workshops the technical staff of the Prince George’s County Planning Board in mid-July published a Preliminary Metro Area, Route 193 Corridor Sector Plan for public comment and scheduled a joint public hearing by the planning board and county council. Although the majority of comments and testimony on the Preliminary Sector Plan criticized the plan and called for it to be remanded back to technical staff, it appears by year’s end only minor changes will be made. In mid-December, the planning board approved the plan and forwarded it to the county council for their review in early 2013 and approval.

Greenbelt’s council expressed strong opposition to the Preliminary Plan and continued to urge remand to technical staff. Council declared the Sector Plan proposes a future for Greenbelt counter to the best interests of its residents and outlines a vision that would transform Greenbelt into a city defined by the roads that divide it and not by the planning elements and community vision that have defined it for 75 years.

New Middle School

Discarding plans to demolish and replace part of the original Greenbelt Middle School, the county School Board approved construction of a new school on Breezewood Drive. Over 1,000 students including sixth-graders from four nearby schools and about 270 TAG students from a wider area started school on August 20. Described as green, with a courtyard and rooftop garden, the \$56 million school offers culinary arts and an audiovisual station in addition to the academic program.

Derecho

Compared with much of the Washington metropolitan area, Greenbelt fared well in the wake of the June 29 turbulent derecho. The rare storm, characterized by its movement in one direction along a relatively straight swath, began at Lake Michigan and ended in Maryland. Many Greenbelt areas experienced erratic power outages, 10 to 15 trees were lost and traffic light outages caused delays. Overall, however, damage was minimal. Still, cleanup took several weeks.

Hurricane Sandy

In the face of a longtime forecasted storm described by media as unprecedented and utterly bizarre, a “Super Storm,” Greenbelt again emerged relatively unscathed. Hurricane Sandy – a tropical vortex colliding with two mighty winter systems – swept through the Northeast in late October. Greenbelt Police and Public Works Departments leapt into defensive action. Many facilities were closed for two days while essential workers toiled to protect the city.

News Review 75th

The News Review, like the city, celebrated its 75th anniversary this year. And how this event stirred up memories! We celebrated gloriously with a special issue on November 15, complete with a front-page city proclamation and, folded inside, a historical News Review full of stories, photos, cartoons, letters and editorials we had run throughout these many decades. How young we all looked in a staff photo for our 25th anniversary issue and how sad that many then-colleagues have passed away. We have happily printed our own memories and those of our readers during the year. And then, of course, we had a party, a grand banquet with speeches recalling our past, present and looking to our future and, also, with a special tribute to Mary Lou Williamson, who for over 40 years has led us as our “Editor Extraordinaire.”

Two GED Classes Offered by CARES

Springhill Lake Rec.

Greenbelt CARES will hold its winter 10-week GED course starting Monday, January 14 and continuing through Wednesday, April 10. Registration for the course will be on Monday, January 14 from 11 a.m. to noon. Students will be notified on January 14 of acceptance in the course. The first class will be on Wednesday, January 16, and then on every Monday and Wednesday in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse, 6101 Cherrywood Lane.

GED I and GED II is offered for all students. In this combined class students will review basic math, English and comprehension skills, algebra, geometry and GED test-taking skills. No one will be accepted into the class after Monday morning, January 14.

Municipal Building

A second winter 10-week GED course will start Tuesday, January 15 continuing through Thursday, April 11. Registration for the course will be on Tuesday, January 15 and students will be notified on January 15 of acceptance in the course. The first class will begin on Thursday, January 17 at the Municipal Building Conference Room at 25 Crescent Road.

GED I, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II, from 1 to 3 p.m., is for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills and prepare to take the GED test.

Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e., current lease, phone or electric bill, driver’s license or Motor Vehicle ID card).

There is no charge for Greenbelt residents. Nonresidents must pay a \$175 registration fee. All students are required to buy a copy of the GED textbook and a calculator that can be purchased from Greenbelt CARES.

Students do not have to be 16 years old to take the GED course and can take a free GED pre-test given at Greenbelt CARES. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland; students ready to take the test can obtain the application forms from Greenbelt CARES. Students who need more remediation will be referred to Prince George’s County Pre-GED course.

Questions and enrollment information regarding either GED I or GED II should be directed to Judy Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or email jhering@greenbeltmd.gov.

Playhouse Presents Tubman’s Story

Thursday, January 10 at 10:15 a.m. and noon the Prince George’s Publick Playhouse offers the true story of Harriet Tubman’s escape from slavery and creation of the Underground Railroad through drama, dance and gospel music by TheatreWorks USA. The presentation is especially recommended for children in grades 3 through 9.

The playhouse is at 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly. Tickets may be ordered by phone at 301-277-1710.

The Greenbelt Irregulars Celebrate Mayan New Year

by Jim Link

The New Year: for Christians, it’s 2013; for Jews, it’s 5773; 1434 for Muslims, 4711 for Chinese. The Vietnamese are celebrating – or enduring – the Year of the Snake. And so on.

And if there were many still around, the vanished Mayans would be celebrating – or enduring – the year 1 (see below), beginning on the winter solstice December 21.

“December” – its Latin etymology hints that it formerly was the 10th month on the Roman calendar. And “21” is in Arabic numeral notation. Thank you, Omar Khayyam, or whoever, for our lovely 10 digits!

Not knowing what to expect, I dragged my too, too solid flesh over to Greenbelt Lake in the pre-dawn darkness (6 a.m.) to celebrate the Mayan New Year. I joined a shivering trio who welcomed a gradual trickle of latecomers until the “crowd” swelled to 20 by 7 a.m.

Then for an hour and a half we few, we happy few, we band of Greenbelt Irregulars, flaky bohemians and bourgeois professionals, chanted, danced and laughed together.

Forming a circle, each with a lit candle in hand, we sang, “I’m

gonna let my little light shine!”

Our warm, impromptu ecumenical “liturgy” included an African tribal chant, a Native American hymn, a human wheel rolling clockwise and counter-clockwise, accompanied by appropriate lyrics which I’ve already forgotten.

There was much else, but it was Greek, or Mayan, to me.

Happily, no apocalypse arrived; the world did not end. Rather a new b’ak’tun, or eon, or age (5,125 years) was presumably ushered in.

So we are now in year 1, an auspicious moment for new beginnings, according to hardcore Mayan epigoni.

Someone respectfully noted that these mysterious, meso-Americans had accurately calculated, without the aid of telescopes or Arabic numerals, the occurrence of the galactic alignment – the perfect alignment of Earth and sun with the center of our galaxy, the Milky Way.

The sun rising over the lake and slow lightening of the sky revealed gradually our smiling faces to one another. With many farewell hugs, our little multicultural tribe dispersed.

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A Preview

Schlocking Reality Serves Up Real Life Challenges in “Cut” at GAC

by Jim Link

“Cut” is an edgy new play by Crystal Skillman limning the personal lives and artistic challenges of its three protagonists as they produce a schlock-filled reality TV series, “Ladies of Malibu.”

I have seen it only in rehearsal and was impressed; you, I suspect, will be much more impressed when you see it Friday or Saturday, January 4 or 5 at 8 p.m. or Saturday, January 5 at 2 p.m.

The central moral question for Rene (a woman, played by Vanessa Terzaghi), Danno (a man, played by Jeff Robert) and Collete (played by Kenny Hahn, a woman) is how much dreadful hack work can an aspiring artist do before she must admit she has prostituted herself? Or himself, of course.

Can filming the lives of hair pulling, substance-abusing, backstabbing dysfunctional divas ever be “a stepping stone to better things” asks Danno. “You choose who you are,” he warns himself and Rene and Collete.

Can these educated, ambitious idealists shape the dreck they swim in, personally and professionally, into something artistically worthy and humane?

Blessedly, all of the soap operatic misery occurs off stage. A caveat though – my inner Mrs.



Rene (Vanessa Terzaghi) and Danno (Jeff Robert) in Crystal Skillman’s “Cut,” directed by Rick Starkweather, at the Greenbelt Arts Center this weekend.

Grundy wishes to tell you that the “F” word is tossed about liberally.

A rehearsal lets the viewer see the play only through a glass darkly, but one aspect is very clear. The whole crew is really having fun putting on this show.

In one scene, Danno and Rene

kiss passionately and director Richard Starkweather urged them after they separated, “Please continue – have fun!” At which point lighting technician Tommy Zanner chipped in, “You must suffer for your art.”

My advice? Take a chance, go see it, have fun.

Science Center Offers Planetarium Program

On Friday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m. (doors open by 7:15 p.m.) and Saturday, January 12 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham will host a planetarium program “Fancy Nancy Sees Stars!”

There is a nominal fee.

For more information, go to www1.pgcps.org/howardbowens/, call 301-918-8750 or email rus-sell.waugh@pgcps.org.



CPAE Has Theremin Performance Jan. 11

On Friday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House experience the sound of a futuristic electronic musical instrument, the theremin.

The College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) Cultural Connections series offers a free performance at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road (corner of Knox Road and Dartmouth Ave.) near College Park Metro. Parking permits are available and pay-as-you-can donations are appreciated.

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Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
December 24, 8:13 p.m., 7600 block Mandan Road. A man approached another person, displayed a handgun and demanded the person's property. No injuries were reported. The robber is described as a black male, 16 to 20 years old, 5'6" to 6' tall, weighing 130 to 160 pounds, wearing a black hooded sweat-shirt, black ski pants and a black stocking cap.

Concealed Weapon
December 25, 7:55 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road. A 20-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with carrying a concealed deadly weapon. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Reckless Endangerment
December 27, 12:30 a.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. An unknown person fired one shot from a handgun inside the hallway of an apartment building. No one was injured.

Drug Arrest
December 24, 9:17, p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road. A 23-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Disorderly Conduct
December 27, 10:09 a.m., Roosevelt Center. A 54-year-old nonresident woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. She was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary
December 23, 11:23 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Electronics, jewelry and keys to the person's vehicle were taken, as was the vehicle itself. The black 2003 Lincoln Navigator was recovered the next day in

the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace. No arrests were made.
December 24, 3:47 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. Electronics were taken.
December 24, 5:03 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court. Electronics were taken.
December 26, 1:55 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court. Food was taken.

Vandalism
December 22, 7:19 a.m., Gardenway at Ridge Road. Graffiti was found on a bench and on street signs.

December 26, 9:14 a.m., Crescent Road near Gardenway. Graffiti was found on benches.
December 26, 11:11 a.m., 58 Court Crescent Road. Graffiti was found on an electrical box.

December 26, 11:55 a.m., Ridge Road at Plateau Place. Graffiti was found on an electrical box.

December 27, 9:55 a.m., 30 court Ridge Road. Graffiti was found on a fence.

Vehicle Crime
Two unsuccessful attempts to steal autos were made in the 6300 block of Golden Triangle Drive.

Three reports of thefts from autos were received: 7600 block Greenbelt Road (purse, cell phone and a wallet taken from an unlocked car), 7200 block Hanover Drive (DVD players, a GPS unit and phone chargers taken from multiple vehicles) and 7700 block Mandan Road (wallet and cell phone).

Vandalism was reported in the following areas: 7200 block Hanover Drive (windows were broken on multiple vehicles), 8000 block of Mandan Road (windows were broken on multiple vehicles), 9100 block Edmonston Road (car window was broken).

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identified a faulty furnace as the possible cause of the fire. By the time firefighting units from surrounding areas responded to the call, flames were breaking through the roof of the 9133 building. The fire was put out in about 30 minutes.

To accommodate tenants evacuated from all three buildings, city staff opened the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Franklin Park management was able to place all those evacuated in either vacant units in the development or in nearby hotels. Building 9133 sustained greatest damage from the fire. However, tenants in the other two buildings are also scheduled for relocation.

Franklin Park staff also opened the development's leasing quarters for use by fire personnel, apartment staff, Red Cross and city staff, including code inspectors and others.

Kemp told the News Review that, while members of the force were present at the fire scene for traffic and pedestrian control, two officers remained throughout the night to prevent looting. He also noted that Master Police Officer Edward Holland may have been the first to spot the fire on Edmonston Terrace while patrolling the area. (Holland, assigned to patrol Franklin Park, is paid through a partnership between Franklin Park and the City of Greenbelt.)

Initial assessments were that all 30 units in the three buildings experienced damage. The potential cost of repairs has been estimated in excess of \$250,000. The next day, clean-up operations were well underway with Franklin Park security and contractors hired by Franklin Park management. It was not clear when the displaced residents would be able to re-enter their apartments.

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Firefighters worked on the fire at 2 Laurel Hill Road until 3 or 4 in the morning first putting out the flames, then making sure nothing was smoldering.



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

The home appeared to be gutted by the fire of December 28. The cleanup crew was at work by midnight. The photo taken Saturday morning shows tarps covering the roof where fire burned through. Plywood covers portions of the outside. Rain began lightly by 10 a.m. and then became heavier.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

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American Horse Is Subject of Film

On Saturday, January 5 at 2 p.m. the American Indian Museum presents a special screening of the new film, Return of the Horse, followed by a Q & A with the film's director, Sharon Eliashar.

This free event will be held in the museum's Rasmusen Theater, first level. The film is related to the museum exhibit, A Song for the Horse Nation, which closes January 7.

The 61-minute film chronicles the return of the horse home to America with Spanish explorers. The arrivals quickly adapted to their native habitat and became one of the most significant animals in human history.

Patuxent Holds Art Workshop

On Saturday, January 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Patuxent Wildlife Visitor Center ages 12 to 18 can participate in an art workshop. Love to paint or draw? Learn how to create incredible waterfowl art from award winning and renowned wildlife artists. Join the artists for hands on instruction and drawing time using live waterfowl as models. Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free but advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. Donations are also appreciated. The Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the B-W Parkway and Rt. 197.

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Pearl Harbor Survivor, Wounded Warrior Honored at Post 136

by Angel B. Torres

On the 71st anniversary of Pearl Harbor, the American Legion honored two men for their exemplary service in the midst war and conflict.

Dallas Jones is one of the few remaining survivors from the Japanese surprise attack on the island of Oahu. After having his legs amputated so far above his knees, Dan Berschinski is the nation's first military member to regain the ability to walk daily. Both men, separated by generations, showed great admiration for one another and spoke before a veteran-laden, distinguished crowd of Legionnaires during the Greenbelt post's annual national security forum.

"[Being here] has been the greatest feeling of patriotism I've felt in years," an emotional Jones said. Looking every bit the hero with his American flag tie, the North Carolina native was still able to recount vivid details of his experiences.

"I saw sailors dying," he recalled. "And I made them a promise that as long as I live [they] won't be forgotten. Dying for your country is not as bad as being forgotten."

Jones, 89, was a fresh-faced teenager finally living his dream of serving in the Navy, when the first wave of Imperial Japanese bombers attacked his location, the then recently-opened Kaneohe Naval Base.

"They attacked us about 10 minutes before Pearl Harbor," he said. "They wiped out all of our long-range planes before we knew what was happening."

During the chaos, Jones and a fellow crewmember manned a .50-caliber machine gun and opened fire on incoming enemy planes. He went on to serve in the Navy for 20 years, becoming a decorated bombardier who was a part of the Battle of Midway.

"I flew 14 hours a day for six days [during Midway]," the spry Jones said. "But everyone here should be honored [because] everybody here served. They're all heroes, as far as I'm concerned."

After the American Legion's Department of Maryland Commander J.D. Larson presented Jones with a plaque, Berschinski told his story of how he lost his limbs while trying to give his "young guy's perspective" to establish "a connection between the current war vets" and the experiences of the veteran attendees.

The West Point graduate served as a platoon leader in a deployment to Afghanistan. There, on Aug. 18, 2009, he lost one of his men to an improvised explosive device (IED) then both of his legs to another. He also shattered his left arm and broke



Department Commander J.D. Larson (right) and Chaplain Michael Duggan (left) presented Lt. Dan Berschinski with a plaque for his service.

his jaw as a result of the blast.

"We both share that pain of losing comrades in action," Berschinski said to Jones.

After recovering from his injuries at the Walter Reed Medical Center, he became the founder and president of a small business, Two-Six Industries, that makes injection molded plastic components and employs veterans and wounded warriors. Berschinski, who also spoke to Post 136 members on Veteran's Day, has channeled his efforts into being an advocate for veteran and wounded warrior care and serving on the Board of Directors for the Amputee Coalition.

"This night is a further reminder of why I joined the Legion," Chaplain Mike Duggan said at the end of the program.

In concluding his speech and, effectively, the night, Berschinski looked at Jones once more and further fortified their bond birthed from war with his final words.

"I want you to know that you will never be forgotten."



Dallas Jones, a 20-year Navy veteran, recalls how he survived the Pearl Harbor attacks 71 years ago.

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Landscape Rules for GHI Units

On Thursday, December 6, the GHI Board accepted a final version of proposed rules changes for landscaping, in the form of revisions to section X of the Member's Handbook.

To see the draft criteria, either pick up a hard copy at the Administration Building, or go to www.ghi.coop

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Taking the 2013 Polar Plunge



Polar plungers jump into the outdoor pool at Greenbelt Aquatic Center.

At right, Ricaiah Green (age 8) and her mother Pam Green feel the cold in the pool.



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- Beverly Kiddy, 82, January 15
- Patricia Ann “Pat” Davis, 67, January 16
- Lynn Aileen Tiplady, 52, January 21
- Dirce “Dee” Ronchi, 90, February 2
- John D. “Denny” Murray, 72, February 3
- Willie Earl Davis, February 9
- Todd Whitacre, 46, February 21
- Janet Beverly Smith, 65, March 5
- Marisa Searle LaNoue, March 9
- Dorothy “Dottie” Mason, March 10
- William E. “Pete” Cookson, 83, March 11
- Rev. David Conway, 86, March 15
- Rev. John P. Stack, 83, March 21
- Norma Lou McAbee, 92, March 21
- Elizabeth “Lisa” Laster, 58, March 22
- Stella Szpakowska Uber, 80, April 7
- Alicia Derin Andreou, 39, April 11
- Elizabeth “Liz” Tucker, 92, April 11
- Allan I. Chotiner, 96, April 18
- Margaret M. Hyland, 94, April 19
- Mildred I. Ford, 84, April 27
- Helen Aulizio, 97, May 2
- Sally Carrano, 100, May 2
- Jerry W. Shafer, 90, May 11
- Susan Jane Jones, 71, May 11
- Rose Unruh, 87, May 14
- Richard E. Craig, 82, May 26
- Donald J. “Mr. D” Dorsey, 74, May 28
- George F. Farrell, May 30
- James D. Morgan, Sr., 95, June 2
- Lael Carriere, June 3
- Toni Raymond Durantine, 93, June 4
- Carol J. Kling, 76, June 14
- Mary Lou “Mike” Goodall Krahe, 81, June 19
- John A. “Jack” Foster, 80, June 20
- Edward J. Griffin, 81, June 23
- John W. Abbott, 65, June 26
- Paul Scott Baker, 40, July 1
- Gloria Jett Wilson, 53, July 7
- Ellen D. Pattin, July 11
- Hazel V. Parent, 73, July 12
- Mary Elizabeth “Libby” Rice, 98, July 13
- Selma Winkler, 96, July 18
- Albert F. “Johnny” Cousin, 84, July 20
- Anna Andrus, 84, August 5
- Mark R. Leber, 60, August 6
- Virginia “Ginny” Stearn, 80, August 18
- Edward J. Osborne, 54, August 23
- Irene Hanyok Janosko, 92, August 23
- Lewis B. Dodd, 84, August 25
- Clara Jane Fendlay, 80, September 1
- Beverly Izzo, 83, September 7
- Robert L. Terrell, Sr., 93, September 9
- Jaylee Mead, 83, September 14
- Donald Freaner, 83, September 16
- Timothy M. Grady, Sr., September 26
- Robert Fletcher “Rob” Lewis, 53, October 4
- Edward J. Patridge, 70, October 20
- Peter Ladnier, 55, November 1
- Dolores Mary Petry, 82, November 7
- Jane Ricciuti, 45, November 12
- William A. Griffin, 87, November 15
- Donald W. Bowen, 73, November 15
- Frederick P. Baluch, 88, November 18
- Leonard Cohen, 81, November 24
- David Russell Lehman, Sr., 86, December 6
- Elizabeth D. “Betty” Varney, 91, December 6
- Cheryl Parkes-Ray, December 10
- Gwen Smyth Turnbull, 86, December 10
- Pauline Grant, 86, December 12
- Robert Auerbach, 92, December 12
- Gloria Dean West, 80, December 13
- Betty Starry, 86, December 28
- Bertram D. Donn, 93, December 28
- and previously Robert T. Bonham, 87, December 18, 2011

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